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SUBJECT: BRIEFING FOR YUGOSLAVS ON BRZEZINSKI'S CHINA TRIP

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON DR. BRZEZINSKI'S RECENT VISIT TO THE PRC MAY BE DISCUSSED IN CONFIDENCE WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS. IN RETURN, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT YUGOSLAV ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN PRC FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY, AND ON POSSIBLE TIMING OF CHINESE PARTY CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG'S PLANNED TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA.

2. THE FUNCTION OF DR. BRZEZINSKI'S TRIP WAS NOT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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NEGOTIATE BILATERAL ISSUES BUT RATHER TO REVIEW GLOBAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. HE TRIED TO STRESS TO CHINESE THAT US INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WAS NOT BASED UPON TACTICAL CONSIDERATION BUT RATHER ON RECOGNITION OF LONG-TERM INTERESTS. CHINESE CONCERNS WITH THE SOVIET UNION PERVADED THE DISCUSSIONS, ALONG WITH THEIR INTEREST IN LONG-TERM COOPERATION WITH WEST, PARTICULARLY

IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AREAS. CHINESE WERE CONCERNED BY DEGREE OF INTERNAL INSTABILITY IN EUROPE AND BY SOVIET DESIGNS

IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. A PARTICULAR CHINESE CONCERN WAS AFGHANISTAN AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF SOVIET INFLUENCE FOR PAKISTAN AND POSSIBLY IRAN AND INDIA. CHINESE WERE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT HEGEMONIC INTENTIONS OF VIET-NAM BACKED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

3. CHINESE STATEMENTS REGARDING ASIAN COUNTRIES PARALLELED THEIR PUBLIC POSTURE. ONLY ON KOREA WAS THERE A SHARP DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS BETWEEN US. THE CHINESE STATED THEIR POSITION IN TERMS VERY SIMILAR TO THEIR RECENT PUBLIC COMMENTS, WHILE WE EXPLAINED OUR DETERMINATION TO ASSURE THE SECURITY OF THE ROK AND A FULL ROLE FOR IT IN ANY FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. THE CHINESE EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN A PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH JAPAN BUT REITERATED THEIR VIEW THAT RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTE THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF JAPAN'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

4. FULL NORMALIZATION OF US-PRC RELATIONS WAS DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, THE TALKS WERE NOT INTENDED AS A NEGOTIATING FORUM, AND NO AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED. WE EXPECT DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE IN HOPES OF ACHIEVING THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ADMINISTRATION'S CONSISTENTLY STATED GOAL.

5. CHAIRMAN HUA DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SPEAKING FOR HOUR-AND-QUARTER WITHOUT NOTES ON WORLD AFFAIRS AND SHOWING HE WAS EXTREMELY WELL INFORMED. TENG HSIAO-PING WAS QUICK, INFORMAL, PREOCCUPIED WITH SOVIETS AND INTERESTED IN TIES WITH WEST AND ACQUISITION OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY. VANCE

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